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LETTER DATED 29 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to provide you with some evidence and information available to us concerning serious breaches and unprecedented violations of the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Iraq by the United States of America and its allies, as follows:

1. American helicopters and fighter aircraft transported units in the northern Iraqi area of Zakho throughout the day on 22 April 1991. They also carried out low-altitude reconnaissance and provocation missions, particularly in the direction of the Iraqi units stationed to either side of the Zakho mountain pass.

2. Seventy-eight American vehicles crossed from Turkey on 22 April 1991, across the Ibrahim al-Khalil bridge.

3. As of 2400 hours on 22 April 1991, American units were located at the following positions:

(a) One infantry battalion plus in the restricted area between Tall Akbar and Kirin;

(b) One infantry battalion minus on the two sides of the Zakho pass.

4. At 0115 hours on 24 April 1991, four American fighter aircraft flew low over the area of Zakho. One of them dropped flares between the Ibrahim al-Khalil bridge and the town of Zakho.

5. A number of saboteurs were sighted on 24 April 1991 in a Coaster bus near the fuel station set up by the Americans at Tall Akbar.

6. A number of foreign correspondents in Zakho are conducting unauthorized interviews with Iraqi citizens.

7. On 26 April 1991, Netherlands patrols guided by a number of saboteurs told security authorities in the Zakho municipal area that they must leave the town. They also prevented the local police from performing their duties at the town's water supply department.

This evidence proves that the United States of America is persisting in its violation of the sovereignty, security and independence of Iraq and overtly intervening in its internal affairs. In placing these facts before you, my country's Government hopes that you will take appropriate measures to halt such action in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdul Amir A. AL-ANBARI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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